

REMARKS:

Claims 1-25, 27 and 28 have been cancelled and new claims 29-54 have been added. The above amendments to the claims have been made to put the application in better condition for examination. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2009 the applicants hereby elect Group IV, drawn to a composition comprising a) an alkaline medium, b) a first gel comprising gelatin and phosphate ions, and c) a medium containing calcium ions. Independent claim 29 and claims 30-52, depending therefrom, read upon the elected group.

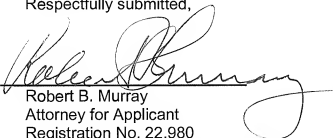
As discussed during a telephonic interview with Examiner Maewall on March 29, 2010, the Restriction Requirement indicates that claim 24 is directed to a composition comprising "an a) alkaline medium, b) a first gel with gelatin **glycerol** and phosphate ions, and (c2) a medium containing calcium ions. (emphasis added). Because neither claim 24, nor claim 1, from which claim 24 depends, recite the word glycerol, and the intent of the restriction requirement is to select between composition ingredients c1) and c2) (in groups III and IV), rather than between gelatin and gelatin glycerol, Applicants submit that new claim 29, which does not recite the word "glycerol," but does recite ingredients a), b), and c2), is directed to the subject matter of Group IV, which has been elected.

With regard to the requirement to elect species, Applicants submit that the second gel is free of phosphate ions in all claim embodiments, thus an election between the second gel being free of fluoride ions and the second gel being free of phosphate ions is improper. However, to comply with the requirement, Applicants elect the second gel being free of phosphate ions. Claims 29-54 read upon the elected species.

The Examiner required election between the alkaline medium being a solution or a gel. Applicants hereby elect an alkaline solution. Claims 29-54 read upon the elected species.

The Examiner required election of a single species from the calcium phosphate compounds of former claim 10. Applicants hereby elect fluoroapatite. Claims 29-54 read upon the elected species.

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